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TAGS: OVIP, KISSINGER (HENRY), US, SY

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS

REF: A. STATE 240661

B. ROME 13599

C. STATE 240604

1. ON DECEMBER 10 WE INFORMED RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL THAT DEPARTMENT SENDING SIX-MAN SECURITY ADVANCE GROUP TO SYRIA ON DECEMBER 11, AND THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE DIRECTLY WITH SYRIANS. WE ASKED THAT MINISTRY INFORM ITALIAN EMBASSY DAMASCUS SO THAT IT WOULD BE AWARE OF GROUP'S PRESENCE AND PURPOSE IN SYRIA, SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO CALL UPON THE ITALIANS FOR ASSISTANCE. OFFICIAL AGREED TO CABLE INFORMATION TO ITALIAN EMBASSY DAMASCUS AT ONCE.

2. EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION IS DOCUMENTING ON DECEMBER 10 THIRTEEN MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM 73RD ORDINANCE DETACHMENT, EODC, CAMP EDERLE, VICENZA, WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS TO JOIN SECRETARY'S PARTY IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR SECURITY DUTY. THE TWO WHO HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED TO DAMASCUS ARE BEING DOCUMENTED FOR LEBANON, AND WE HAVE ORALLY ADVISED THEM TO REPORT TO MBASSY BEIRUT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ENTERING SYRIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

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3. WE ALSO INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL THAT US HAS SUGGESTED TO SYRIANS THAT ITALIAN AMBASSADOR AND CARDILLI BE INVITED TO JOIN SYRIAN OFFICIAL PARTY AT AIRPORT TO GREET SECRETARY ON ARRIVAL. OFFICIAL ASKED WHETHER ITALIAN

AMBASSADOR WOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SECRETARY'S DIS-  
CUSSIONS WITH SYRIANS. WE SAID WE HAD NO REPEAT NO INFORMATION ON  
THIS SUBJECT. VOLPE

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